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Recorder Missing

A tape recorder used in an allegedly illegal wiretap in the Richmond area has reportedly disappeared.

The recorder and other equipment disappeared after being returned by FBI agents to a Richmond policeman who allegedly installed the wiretap, the Richmond News Leader reported.

Richmond area law enforcement sources confirmed recently that the recorder, two wires and a cassette tape probably were disposed of shortly after they had been returned.

A former Richmond policeman working as a maintenance man at a Henrico County apartment project found a tape recorder and other apparatus plugged into phone lines in a vacant apartment June 19. He called the FBI.

City officials claim that the alleged tap wasn't authorized by high police officials.

A federal grand jury is investigating the incident.

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